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FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

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SUBJ: SUPERVISION OF CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. NONE OF US WHO DEAL ON A DAILY BASIS WITH CONSULAR PROBLEMS CAN TAKE ISSUE WITH YOUR MESSAGE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SERVICE TO AMERICANS ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF MISSION POLICY. BUT SO LONG AS THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS FAIL TO PROVIDE THE FIELD WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO HANDLE THE TASK PROPERLY, WE WILL FACE CONTINUED CRITICISM (MUCH OF IT JUSTIFIED) BY THE PUBLIC AND THE CONGRESS ALLEGING INEFFICIENT AND UNRESPONSIVE SERVICE.

2. LIKE MANY OTHER POSTS AROUND THE WORLD, THIS EMBASSY IS BADLY UNDERSTAFFED IN ITS CONSULAR SECTION. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE THIS POINT IN A CONTINUING SERIES OF MESSAGES TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE GET LOTS OF SYMPATHY AND PLENTY OF EXCUSES IN RETURN, BUT VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF ADDED ASSISTANCE. I HOPE YOU AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH THE CONGRESS ON THIS PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT NO ONE
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HAS YET DISCOVERED HOW TO SQUEEZE BLOOD FROM A TURNIP. MEANWHILE, WE WILL KEEP TRYING. LEWIS

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